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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A1 through A8, A17, and A18 listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited in the International Search Report in Applicants' International Application PCT/US2005/011346. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner. An English-language counterpart of the foreign-language documents has not been provided. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Documents A1, A2, A6, and A9 through A16 are in English and the relevance of the documents is described in the present specification.

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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